

TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION 1: MARITIME AND COASTAL RESOURCES

§ 1321. Enforcement.

(a) Primary responsibility for enforcement of this chapter shall be assumed by the Department of Natural Resources and the Coastal Resources Management Office.

(b) Any officer who is authorized by the Department of Natural Resources and the Coastal Resources Management Office to enforce the provisions of this chapter may:

(1) Arrest any person, if there exists probable cause to believe that such person has committed an act prohibited by 2 CMC § 1314;

(2) Board, search or inspect any vessel or aircraft which may be found within the exclusive economic zone upon probable cause that such vessel or aircraft may have on board any substance proscribed for dumping by this chapter;

(3) Seize any vessel or aircraft used or employed in, or when there exists probable cause to believe that such vessel or aircraft was used or employed in violation of any provision of this chapter;

(4) Seize any other evidence related to any violation of any provision of this chapter;

(5) Execute any warrant or other process issued by any court of competent jurisdiction.

Source: PL 3-42, § 6.

Commission Comment: With respect to the references to the “Department of Natural Resources” and the “Coastal Resources Management Office,” see Executive Order 94-3 (effective August 23, 1994), reorganizing the executive branch, changing agency names and official titles, and effecting other changes, set forth in the Commission comment to 1 CMC § 2001; see also the comment to 2 CMC § 1512.